

Who will come to Japan? An analysis with the first comprehensive survey on emigration pressure in Asia

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International migration is growing steadily, with Asian countries as major source countries and Japan as one of the major destinations for them. However, little research has seen rapid growth of migrant workers in Japan as a consequence of a global phenomenon. Rather, it is seen as a distortion of Japanese migration policy, which is exemplified by industrial trainee and internship programs, etc. Thus, the present study delved into the wishes of individual for international migration with vast international comparison poll data covering more than 160 countries, and conducted a social survey on Vietnamese labor migration policy. As a result, the present study revealed that Japan is one of the major destinations for Asian countries, which are major source countries of global international migration, and its position as a destination has recently been rising, despite the ongoing economic development of Asian countries. Further, the migratory process of international labor migration is constrained by the labor sending policies of the country of origin, migration intermediates, where individual migrants choose a destination depending on an expected labor condition, and a cost-benefit analysis of migration.